Wait till Trouble Comes. We sit down, way-worn and weary, And think of the days to be, And forget there's a silver lining, To all the clouds we see, We fret over care and trouble Before it is begun, And think of stormy weather; We forget the warm bright sun.

It were better to wait, my brother, Till the trouble and care is here; Why should we cloud the sunshine When the day is bright and clear By dreading what may await us? Better to laugh and sing. And bid the bird of foreboding

From these hearts of ours take wing. What was the sunshine made for, It not to make us glad? We are doing wrong to waste it In repining, idle and sad, We are doing wrong to squander The sunshine of to-day In foreboding that to-morrow

Then I pray be wise, my brother, As you climb the hill of life, Enjoy the time to the utmost That is free from care and strife Thinking only of blight and failure We sow no seed-time grain; Make use of to-day's glad sunshine And for to-morrows rain.

The sky may be cold and gray.

To-day is ours, but to-morrow, Perhaps, we may never see: Then why should we borrow trouble For a time that may not be? Leave to the future, brother, The trouble it may bring: In the sunshine that God gives us Be glad of heart, and sing.

WRITING FOR LIFE.

"My dear Tom, I speak to you not only as an old friend, but as a medical man; and I see that it is quite necessary for you to have complete and perfect rest for some weeks. You have been the country for the last three months, both of us to quit this vale of tears." and, to my own knowledge, have taken Don't you feel to require rest?

Raven. "Oddly enough, the nursing better than ever."

"You don't look it. I repeat, you look thoroughly worn out. But you take things more easy."

my health and all that, but say no more in particular-is it not so?" about it, I beg."

Raven and I were at the same hospital | never thought of making my will." St. Lazarus—where he held a medical he bade fair to rise in a short time to for dying." great eminence in the profession. He was immensely popular with everyone. of that?" His gray hair and bright blue eyes, and

his patients as well as in all his friends. have been about three months after his opened the bag and drew forth the uncle died that Raven came up to me writing paper. The knife was on a one day in the hospital.

"I've just received a summons to Exeter," said he. "The family is wealthy and influential; and, from what I know than a medical one. It will be an excel-Therefore, if you can possibly manage it, meet me at Paddington this evening at half-past nine, and we will go down tocome or not "

I hesitated. It was the depth of winter, and I hardly liked leaving my wife Don't be selfish, there's a good chap!" and a most important baby; but fees were scarce—this was a golden oportunity not to be rashly neglected. I deeided to risk my wife's disappointment.

vent my doing so,"

bright blue eyes.

"You promise?"

"Unless anything unforseen should happen to prevent me, I will be down at the station by half-past nine."

"Remember!" Raven was dramatically impressive, I | may require."

of horrors and impending railway acci- to look at my poor friend, and saw him dents, and who finally dissolved in a trying intently to read my scribble by shower of tears as I tore myself away, the light of the lamp, seemingly un forters to alleviaie in some measure the In another moment the glass descended.

way carriage.

it fine. Fire away !"

touched his hat and shut the door with through the window.

locked."

He whistled, and the train started. "I can't bear the idea of both doors was secured. "In case of accident it would be impossible to escape from the carriage."

relapsed into silence. For about twenty minutes he remained work. opposite to me, sometimes with his eyes I need scarcely add that the case closed, sometimes with them fixed upon which Raven had represented to me as chain of signal stations so located as to me in a most unpleasant manner. All calling him to Exeter was an entire fab- communicate across the country from my endeavors to draw him into converrication, and was invented by him as valley to valley. They are built upon takes on his present sun-spot phase, and since the cook was afraid to kill the

drew from the inside of his overcoat a I frequently go to the asylum where lights. Inside these mounds is an arch masses of meteoric matter, and some which had a liking for salads. Cucumlong and pointed knife, which flashed he is to inquire after him; but the men- of clay and stone and an altar. These that it is the result of internal commo- bers dressed with vinegar were eaten ominously in the lamplight.

die to-night," said he calmly and delib- allowed to see him. Poor Raven! I fear they leaned toward civilization, and had erately, without any excitement of man- I shall never see him again! overdoing it in nursing that old uncle in | ner. "I feel that the time has come for

the last train down there at night and ven," I replied-seeing what had hap-fortunately thought of the expedient stone. the first train to town in the morning, pened-in as calm a voice as his own. which answered so admirably-Writing and have consequently not had a good "I have long thought that life was be- for Life. night's rest for all that time. How can coming very undesirable; and, to leave it a man stand it, added to your hospital in your company, with you, my oldest work all day, without suffering from it? and warment friend, would be the most 'Not the least in the world," returned | pen. But—you are not married, Tom?"

having felt thoroughly knocked up you given me notice of this wish of yours explain. He informs us, however, that adorn many of their works. They, too, it had developed into huge proportions, move stealthily towards the chair, put vary. He was a member of the Peace some weeks since; but I battled bravely before starting, I would have made ar- he can manufacture lumber like the sam- suddenly disappeared, leaving behind against the feeling, won the victory, and rangements and have spoken to my wife ple sent, in any desired length, from 12 them a wonderful record in stone and now I'm as fresh as paint and up to work to prepare her. Have you made your feet upward, and to 32 inches in width, pottery. All that remains of their pawill, Tom?"

"No. I have not."

know your own business and state of will! Tom, it is absolutely necessary for tition will apply equally to sections tations. What wind of fate swept them health; and, now your uncle is gone and both of us to make our wills before we has left you a potful of money, you can die. I have not made mine, and should at Chicago, and at Western grain pronot like to leave the world with the ducing points, as at Kansas. We inagine, skeletons with copper car ornaments be-"Yes, old boy, I'm game for anything chance of my wife and child having to go however, that the expense will vary but side them were found recently, and sev-- mind and body first-class; and I intend to the workhouse or be chargeable on little at any point where straw is obtain- eral sections of Minnesota, send news of to stick to my hospital work. It's very the parish after my death. You would able in large quantities. good of you, Jack, to take an interest in wish to leave your money to some one

"Of course I should like to leave my "I promise to say nothing to nobody." | money | properly-of-course-yes! I

"You must also remember, Tom, that both hard worked, often day and night; the way we both desire to die, without occurrence. Raven looked in good I don't wish my own to be so. Therehealth, and was very successful-indeed | fore we must both draw out our reasons

"Do you know, Jack, I never thought

"Well, then, first put your knife down healthy, florid, complexion, combined on the cushion there, and then we will with a frank, open and hearty manner set to work. I've plenty of paper in my in speaking, made him a friend with bag and plenty of lead in my pencil, everybody, and inspired confidence in all and we've the whole night before us." A tremble of my hand, a quiver of As nearly as I can recollect, it must my voice, would have been fatal. I

cushion at my side. "Now, Tom, let us first state our reasons to the world for wishing to die tonight by our own hands. If you will of the case I've been called there to at- dictate to me your reasons, I will write tend. I'm sure its more of a surgical them down, and then we will revise and correct them. After that, I will dictate lent chance for you, Lawson; and I can my own to you and you shall write promise you a good fee to begin with. them. We shall be able to do our work well and quickly."

"Quite right, Jack; we ought to give them our reasons. How odd that I never gether by the express. Send me word thought of that! Let me see; if I kill during the afternoon whether you can you first, I might write the out after-

"Ah, but who will write out mine?

sentences. Now and again I interrupted the body of a dead sparrow stretched out his flow of language to gain time. This "It is most kind of you, Tom. I will kept him thoroughly occupied and inor Hainly go down with you. So far as terested, while the train sped on at ex-I can see, there will be nothing to pre- press rate. He had nearly finished his long, rambling dictation, when, to my A gleam of satisfaction shone in his inexpressible delight, I felt the speed of the train gradually slackening. I knew that my chance of deliverance was near.

> "Read over for yourself what I have written," I said to him. "The carriage is very close-a little fresh air will do us good. I will make any corrections you

thought, as we parted; and I arranged I sat on the knife and reached over to to work so as to be able to keep my lower the glass. A slight fumbling appointment. The hardest task was necessitated my rising to manage better, breaking the news to Amy, who would and the knife was in my left hand condollars from Washington for the condollars from Washington from Washington from Washington for the condollars from Washington from Was be low-spirited and conjure up all kinds | cealed under my coat. I turned round | science fund.

moral wet blanket she had thrown over the knife dropped upon the platform, I was only just in time to catch Raven, and on the handle of the door. The

"Jump in, Jack, jump in! Half-a- firmly. Poor Raven even then was quite than a century has swept them into oblicrown to the guard has secured this com- engrossed with what I had written for vion, leaving only a few bleached bones, partment for us all the way down; so we him. I called the guard, and secretly a few stone idols, and a few implements shall have it to ourselves without fear of and quietly the porters were assembled of warfare and domestic use. No earthinterruption. Time's up; you have run on the platform at the door of the car- works, nor temples, houses, nor pottery riage.

being locked," I remarked to Raven. My best friend, with a brilliant future of them only a few feeble creatures in before him, and in the ripe portion of the lowest scale of humanity. his life, was a raying lunatic, and has re-"It doesn't matter," he said, and then mained hopelessly so-insane from that Ohio, that curious race long departed, time - one of the many victims to over- who left their earthworks to puzzle a

sation failed, and after a time I gave part of the scheme which, in his mad- the highest hilltops, and undoubtedly we are approaching the maximum of animal lest the mutton might be flavored them up and also relapsed into silence. ness, he had no doubt seriously imagined served the people who built them as disturbance. No one knows the cause. with tobacco. Another case mentioned

tion of my name brings on such a violent and some flint implements are all that tion and a rush upward of gaseous ex- with avidity, even though hot with cay-"Jack Lawson, we must both of us aggravation of his disease that I am not remain of those vanished tribes. That plosions, in comparison with which our enne pepper. It has eaten boiled beef That terrible night can never be effaced

from my memory, and I can never suffi. left. They tilled the soil and cultivated "Yes; I quite agree with you, Tom Raciently congratulate myself on having so art in figures sculptured from the hardest

Substitutes for Lumber.

agreeable thing to me that could hapagreeable thing to me that could hapagreeable thing to me that could hapagreeable thing to me that could hapwitnessed on November 16. When first course of the evening, the lady happened period of the war, and was an uncomseems to have done me good. I confess Remember, I am married; and, had self, the particulars of which he does not man heads of almost Grecian beauty 100,000 miles. Three or four hours after immates to rise, and making a circuit, to county was burned by Confederate cal-"Good Heaven, man, not made your does not inform us whether this compe- scattered about the vicinity of the habiwhere lumber is comparatively cheap, as out of existence is not yet known.

obtainable even if desired, while sap and day.

worked under the plane or other ordi- Chicago Ecpress. nary tools of the carpenter, and when once fitted to its place, we can readily believe that it will be free from shrinkage or swelling. In appearance, the samples before us resembles hardwood, being about as dark as oak and more dense in texture, with a specific gravity one-fifth greater than thoroughly seasoned black walnut. For finishing purposes, it will not, as a rule, be necessarily as thick as ordinary lumber, its tensile strength being apparently double that of wood of the same thickness. On the whole, we are favorably impressed with the appearance of the new artificial lumber.-N. Y. Lumberman.

A Sparrow's Funeral. Recently a gentleman was wakened from an afternoon nap by a loud commotion among the sparrows in the trees "To be sure! Well, are you ready?" by his windows. Fifty or more sparrows He began dictating long and flowery had gathered in a circle over and around on a board, which had apparently fallen dead or been accidentally killed. They were giving voice to their grief by cries of distress utterly unlike their usually gossipy chattering or quarreling. Finally a large sparrow darted down from the | job on him. - Galreston News. group, picked up the dead sparrow by the neck with his bill, spread his wings and flew away over the house roofs with the burden until he disappeared from sight. The relator of this incident is a truthful person, and would have thought the story a fabrication if he had not seen

Pre-Historic Footsteps.

Oregon, the Arcadia for the red man, rich in minerals and fertile in soil, held burthened with no ends of rugs and com- conscious of the stopping of the train. a numerous population of aborigines who still flourished when the white man set foot within its borders. They dwelt my hand was thrust through the window near the rivers and the shore of the ocean, were warlike and primitive, floatwho hastily opened the door of the rail- train nearly stopped as I jumped out, ed their canoes upon the streams and shut the door, and held the handle lived their wild life undisturbed. Less remain. Yet tradition and the great He flung in my bag and the several "Come, Tom, this is Swindon! Let shell beds prove that numerically these rugs, &c., and we entered. The guard us have a cup of coffee!" I called to him people were strong. Thinking of their sudden extinction, we may well wonder In that moment the spell was broken, at the brevity of human life and the effa-"This door is unlocked, guard?" said I. I saw him look for his knife, then rush cing power of time, who passes his hand "Yes, sir; side nearest the platform is to the window at the opposite side; but over a race and it disappears like always unlocked. The other door is we were too quick and too powerful for figures under a sponge. These people him. The guard, two porters, and my- worshipped, for they have left their self jumped into the carriage, and he idols. They joved, sorrowed and loved

> Then there are the mound-builders, of civilized people. One writer describes the observatory mounds as forming a

We are in receipt, from Mr. S. W. tery. Earthen vessels shaped like torsample of lumber made from straw, man-the pottery mounds in Missouri. They ufactured after a process patented by him- carved stone with great skill, too. Hu- tending upward from the sun about the collie was observed by some of the Governor his residence in Baltimore at a cost competing with the better or tience, industry and skill are found in finishing grades of pine, although he their mounds, graves, and in the relies

Near Joliet, Illinois, a row of human similar discoveries. One mound revealed The manufacture is, of course, con- six hundred skeletons, supposed to be fined to a grade which will compete with the remains of Indian braves slain in a the better class of lumber, as there would battle which tradition says took place be no object in filling the new product several centuries ago between the Chipwith knots, and shakes would searcely be pewas and Sioux, the former winning the

and I a surgical appointment. We were it would never do to die deliberately, in decayed wood must be impossibilities. Everywhere over the earth lie buried The sample sent to us will hold a nail the tribes and races that flourished beand my time and attention, for about leaving to the world our reason for the as well as wood, is equally susceptible fore history was, and before civilization three months after the above conversa- act. You would not wish your name to to a high painting finish, and can be began. How limitless is the store of tion, were so fully occupied and en- be a by-word and the cause of derision polished to as high a degree as is at all facts the silent earth holds hidden in grossed that I thought no more of the to any one, I am sure; and I am certain desirable. Being made waterproof, we her bosom! Ages pass and races perish can discover no possible reason why it vet she loses not the record of either. should not be as durable, or even more Under her fresh and smiling face, green so, than pine or even oak, while its with verdure and bright with flowers, are adaptability is evidently as great for the tombs of the centuries. Wonderful roofing purposes, as for the fine work of are the forces of nature, the laws of change. Who can contemplate the The question of cost appears to us to mighty evolution of the universe and not be the most important element yet to be feel the egotism of his soul grow less, and practically solved. We can see no rea- hear in fancy the tramp of the army of son why it is not susceptible of being races in their march toward oblivion ?-

> How a Musical Fiend Vanquished. There is reason to hope that Galveston's musical fiend, Maloney De Smith, has been squelched, if not permanently, for a season, at least. At a social gathwith rapt attention, instead of strolling approached De Smith, and said, "That piece was delightful. I never

enough to play my favorite piece?" "Certainly; what is it?"

a seaside resort, to be controlled by the titled but penniless families in Italy who tal of the association is 250,000 dollars, Rome. divided into 5,000 shares. The price The Treasury Department received 300 paid for the land is about 120,000 dollars.

join in the enterprise.

Sun Storms Through a Telescope.

The Providence Journal says the great surface is seamed and scarred in every running about by thousands. One shopdirection with black spots that indicate keeper killed 135 in his shop in a fortthe disturbing elements at work in his night. A dairy keeper says that the rats chaotic mass. Occasionally, for a day have killed and eaten fourteen young or two, the blemishes disappear, and pigs and forty fowls belonging to him, the glorious king of day shows a face leaving nothing behind but a few welllike a shield of glowing gold. But the picked bones. aspect quickly changes; spots come Jack was a dog belonging to T. E. rushing in all directions and assuming Lincoln, of Chicago. He discovered a recently arrived at Paso del Norte, Mexall forms. They appear singly and in fire in the house at night, broke his ico, are professional gamblers. pairs, and again in groups and rows. chain, ran to the door where his master Immense groups break up into small and wife were sleeping, and aroused ones unite to form great chasms, into them just in time as their rooms were which half a dozen worlds might be full of smoke. It was the furious howdropped and there would still be room ling of the dog that awoke them, and for more. Sometimes the spots are thereby saved their lives. The dog was visible to the naked eve, and at that time also saved. a good opera glass or a spy glass will In Charlottesville, Va., a child was make them easily perceptible. Hun- sick and its father sent a dog for the dreds of observers all over the world family physician. After reaching the watch the sun's face every clear day, and house the dog scratched upon the door, keep a record of the number of spots, which was opened, but the dog driven in their rude way, and now there remains their size and the direction in which off. He returned again and renewed the they move, for as the sun turns on his invitation. The doctor did not underaxis they turn with him, some of them stand the actions of the dog, and only remaining for months without much on the following morning when the change, some taking on new forms and master told him his child was sick was some disappearing entirely. Very little the strange conduct of the dog explained. is known of this mysterious sun or the A sheep on a British passenger and spots that are visible more than 90,000,- mail steamship developed a taste for 000 miles away.

> could be measured, it reached a hight off. ditions of the earth.

Life in the Eternal City.

and are obliged to live as economically until he hears the final amen. The past as possible. We have two large, sunny rooms in the apartment of a Marchioness. They are furnished luxuriously-one as of days. Wanting it one day, he said a parlor, and looks upon a bright piazza to the dog, "Leo, my vest is down in -paved in asphalt for the benefit of the the cornfield; go get it." The dog went tribunal opposite. For all this comfort directly to the field, and soon returned we pay 70 francs (14 dollars) per month, with the vest. services included. But the secret of it is that this is not the new part of the city, where foreigners mostly congregate. It is only a short walk from St. Peter's, but on the healthy side of the Tiber, and it was obtained through an Italian friend, and that is half the victory; for deep down in the Italian nature is the desire to get the most out of any stranger who may come within their reach. One's first lesson here is how to avoid being cheated. We take our dinners at a restaurant, or have them sent, ering the other evening, he produced his and make our coffee in the morning, and inevitable violin, and upon it he produc- a 5 o'clock supper. In the shops where ed, as usual, "Way Down on the Suwanee | we buy our provisions they look at us as River." To his amazement, everybody we look at Zulus. Our piazza is a perapplauded vociferously, after listening fect kaleidoscope of Italian life. Mothers sit together on the steps of the tri- to get thither alone. about the premises until he got through | bunal all the afternoon and gossip and his murderous work. Such expressions knit, or follow after wee little babies in as "That gets away with Wilhemj." "You leading strings. Soldiers lounge about, empty bag to stand upright. bet there is soul in that," thrilled him or rouse themselves at sight of a pretty with rapture. After the applause had peasant, and boys sit and play morra by the first fruits they bear we learn what subsided one of the loudest applauders the hour, calling out the numbers vociferously, and holding up their fingers in rapid succession. It certainly seems to and sham that nobody ever had the conheard it before; but would you be kind the observer the most absurd of all fidence to own its possession. games, but it is said to cause a great number of murders, for quarrels always grimages are prestiges of our future have resulted in amusing conversations. "Way Down on the Suwanee River." lead to the knife here. Often I am cal- glory, and shadows indicate the sun. The instrument of torture sank from led to the window by the tramp of a Be courteous with all, but intimate nent business house rang and the prohis nerveless grasp, and after restoratives regiment as they pass to and from the with few; and let those few be well prietor proceeded to attend to the sumhad been applied, the fiend was taken barracks, or to look at a review; and tried before you give them your conhome in a hack. The boys had put up a very often the funeral procession of a fidence. priest winds across the square, his vestments lying on a bier, followed by a long About 400 acres of land, with a beach line of monks, bearing tapers, and chantnearly a mile long, not far from the Ne- a dirge. Within, the Marchioness and he was not mistaken he had on the pre- like to know whom you took supper vada Park, has been purchased by the her husband afford us no end of amuse-

> enabled him to escape to Canada. Still, you can shut the door.

Stories of Animals.

The burg of Maryhill, Scotland, is fire-ball is in intense commotion. His overrun with rats. They are actually

tobacco, which it ate greedily. This Once in about cleven years the sun habit was a most conservative measure, Suddenly he rose from his seat and would be for the benefit of both of us, telegraphs whose messages were beacon Some believe that it is the fall of great was that of a kitten five months old, fiercest volcanic eruptions are but the with mustard, and its mother was once a certain form of government is a theory | flicker of a name. Besides the sun-spot | seen to eat a slice of cucumber which

not unsupported by the traces they have agitation, the gaseous outbursts are had upon it salt, pepper, and vinegar. marked and vivid. The tongues of One evening a lady belonging to the flame or rosy protuberances are darting household of H. C. Reid, of London, forth in all directions and bearing their found a "rough-haired collie" dog asleep Another race was contemporaneous testimany to the solar commotion. Mr. on a rug, and placing her face close to with the mound-builders. They were Trouvelot, of Cambridge, who makes his head, she blew sharply, with a loud agricultural and ingenious, and they daily observation of the sun's chromo- shout, in one of his ears. Tickled and wrote their history for us in curious pot- sphere, gives a graphic description of a startled, he jumped up and moved off, was elected Governor in 1861, holding seen it was large and complicated, ex- to be reclining in an easy chair, when promising Union man. While he was extending far out into space, and van- his forepaws on one of the arms, and | Conference which assembled in Washishing gradually to regions where it placing his nose close to the lady's ear, ington, and was Surveyor of the Port of could not be perceived. As nearly as it to give a sharp bark and instantly bound

of over a quarter of the sun's diameter, A Vermont dog belonging to H. M. or about 235,000 miles. Such a protu- Beebe, of Andover, is a wonder in trainberance hurled upward from the earth ing. It is a throughbred Scotch shepwould almost reach the moon! Two herd, and never makes a mistake when hours after, the whole structure had sent after anything. Mr. Beebe has collapsed, and was only about 18,000 cattle, which are kept in different miles high. Observations like this give stables, and he will open a stable door an idea of the mighty forces at work in when the cattle are all in the yard, and the solar orb, and make observers long say to the dog, "Leo, drive them in;" for the time when a satisfactory solution | the dog will pick out such cattle as bemay be found for this mysterious peri- long in the stable and drive them in odical solar disturbance, so intimately without any mistake. Leo is great on connected with the meteorological con- devotional exercises. When told that it is prayer time he takes his position in a corner of the room, with his nose in a chair, and will remain (although they My sister and I came to Rome to study, may call him and offer him his dinner) summer Mr. Beebe left his vest in the cornfield, where it remained a number

Words of Wisdom. When a friend corrects a fault in you,

he does you the greatest act of friend-Favors of every kind are doubled when

they are speedily conferred. A man may suffer without sinning, he

cannot sin without suffering. Ragged clothing cannot debase a man

as much as a frayed reputation.

It is not life to live for one's self alone. Let us help one another. People's intentions can only be decid-

ed from their conduct. It is to be doubted whether he will ever find the way to heaven who desires

Poverty often deprives a man of all spirit and virtue. It is hard for an

It is with you as with plants; from may be expected in future. Envy is a passion so full of cowardice

The very afflictions of our earthly pil-

"Atlantic Highlands Association" for ment. They belong to one of the many at Providence. He had a dim recolles- "How many wives have you, anyway?" Methodist Episcopal Church. The capi- live on pride and macaroni. - Letter from | clergyman's house while drunk, and be- talking with?" "With my husband, Mr. You may be poor, you may be un- for an officer soon arrived with a warrant heard a scream, which appeared to be

The Chatham Record.

RATES

ADVERTISING.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The total sum recommended by the Appropriation bills, as reported, is 191, 280,168 dollars and 94 cents.

The losses by fire and robbery of houses and goods through the riot of Jan. 15, at Lima, are estimated at 6,-000,000 dollars.

It is said that eighty-seven per cent. of the American emigrants who have

Resolutions in the contested election case for the Third Congressional District of Louisiana, confirming the right of Mr. Acklen, the sitting member, to the seat, were adopted by the House.

On the announcement that the "Bankrupt is about to be put upon the stage," the Boston Commercial Bulletin comments: "Hereabouts he generally goes in his own carriage."

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat calls for two new literary characters. It says Maggie May and Jennie June are already prominent, and that there is room yet for Aggie August and Sarah September.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston has an unusual pupil in ex-Judge Grant, who is nearly 70 years old and has a large law practice in Iowa. He is acquiring a knowledge of chemistry for use in mining litigation,

A white girl flirted with a stranger after dusk in Minneapolis. They walked together until they came to a street lamp, when she saw that he was a negro. She insisted upon his arrest by a policeman, but a magistrate decided that the color was not in itself a punishable offence.

It is stated that no less than 2,220 young girls are at present attending the painting and drawing classes in State and municipal schools in France, while 1,950 girls are studying music in the various Conservatoires and Ecoles de Musique.

Ex-Gov. A. W. Bradford of Maryland died in Baltimore, aged 75 years. He Baltimore under President Johnson, which was the last public office he held.

He Dared.

His Honor had before him the case of a young farmer who was arrested for disturbing the peace and being drunk, and when asked for his defense he said-

"Well, I live out here about twelve miles. Yesterday morning, as I was splitting rails, Bill Adams he came along and dared me to come to town with him. And I dared."

"You hadn't any errand?"

"None at all. After we got here Bill Adams he says to me he'd dare me to take a drink. And I dared. Purty soon, after we had been to a harness shop, he dared me to take another. And I dared." "That was two drinks?"

"Yes, sir, and after Bill had bought four pounds of nails he dared me to get swizzled. And I dared." "What is swizzled?"

"Just drunk enough to think you can lift a barrel of salt, but you can't lift one end of a hat full of bricks." "Well, go on." "Well, when we got swizzled Bill he

ladder. And I dared." "That's when you got that black eye. "Yes, sir, I upset the man, but he got

dared me to upset a man carrying a step-

up and knocked me pizen West." "Well, then we saw a policeman marching along, and Bill Adams he dared me to pitch him into a snow-bank.

And I dared.' "Was it much of a pitch?" "No, sir--not for the officer. He gave me two cracks on the head and brought

me down." "Well, now I shall dare you to go to the Work House for thirty days," concluded his Honor as he settled back. And he dared.

The Wrong Wire.

Since the adoption of the new system of calls by members at the telephone office many mistakes have occurred on account of wrong connections, and some Friday the telephone bell in a promimons. A female voice was heard and the following questions and answers ensued. "Hello!" "Yes." "What time Austin Moriarty went home to his wife are you coming home to supper to-night?" at Putnam, Conn., and told her that if "Why, I've been to supper." "I'd just vious day been married to Phœbe Brown | with?" "Why, with my wife, of course." tion of going with some friends to a "Look here, whom do you think you are coming the bridegroom in a marriage _____." "Not much; you are talking to ceremony. His memory proved sound, Mr. ---." Upon this the gentleman the same room .- Portland Advertiser.